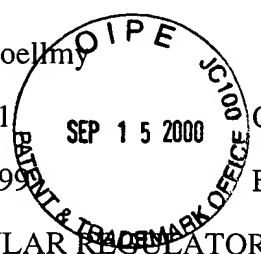


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks

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Sir :

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on March 13, 2000. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. A Petition for Extension of Time, with Credit Card Payment Form to charge the Applicant's credit card, for the appropriate fees, is being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows :

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